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**Sent via Canada Post & Email**

Sharon Chambers  
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Dear Ms Chambers,

After attending a Bluewater Council meeting held August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, Council made the decision (based on new information some of which we were able to provide), to write and ask Huron County Council to revisit their decision made on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to eliminate the Advanced Care Paramedic Program (ACP Program).

As a CUPE National Servicing Representative, I represent the Paramedics who make up CUPE Local 4513 and although I have that special interest, I can also tell you the decision to eliminate the ACP program, is in conflict with all other decisions being made by other municipalities across Ontario and Canada.

Huron County decided in 2003/4 to invest, develop and maintain an ACP program in Huron County for the benefit of all its residents. They recruited, trained and purchased the necessary equipment. Council set the number of practicing ACPs in the County to 14, out of a service of 79 practicing Paramedics, which couldn't provide for an ACP at each base on each shift.

Much is and has been said about the financial costs of the program, the skill sets of ACP paramedics vs. Primary Care Paramedics and the level of the ACP service being provided equally throughout Huron County. At the Blue Water Council meeting we were able to provide important information with regard to these concerns and would like the opportunity to do so with your Council as well.


This is an important decision that will have a substantial impact to health care within Huron County for years to come.

On behalf of CUPE, we encourage you to follow the actions of Bluewater Council and write Huron County asking their Council to review their decision to eliminate this vital service.

Our hope is that we can have the opportunity to provide information to Huron County Councilors which will address the above concerns raised, prior to any reconsideration on the closing of the Advanced Care Paramedic Program.

I would greatly appreciate this letter be included in your Council's information package.

Thank you



Brian Humphrey

cc: Kathy Adams – Director of Corporate Services/Clerk – via email  
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